



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Administrative Policies and Procedures: 27.7

Subject: Sleeping Accommodations for Youth in DCS Juvenile Justice Facilities

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Application

To All Department of Children Services Youth Development Center and DCS Group Home Employees

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Policy

All youth housed in the youth development centers and DCS group homes shall be provided with adequate and appropriate sleeping accommodations.

Procedures

A. Provisions for adequate and appropriate sleeping accommodations

1. Each DCS facility shall provide adequate and appropriate sleeping accommodations for youth.
2. Male and female youth housed in the same facility must/be:
 - a) Segregated by gender;
 - b) Placed in separate dormitories and sleeping rooms; and
 - c) Not occupy the same sleeping rooms.

**B. Emergency
situations**

1. Upon the discretion, approval and authorization of the YDC Superintendent or DCS Group Home Supervisor, and **only** in **emergency situations** (such as illness or severe emotional disturbance exhibited by a youth), shall designated adult staff be permitted to sleep at a DCS facility for safety and security issues.
2. In the event of an emergency situation, the adult staff's sleeping area must be separate and apart from youth sleeping area.

Forms

None

Collateral Documents

None

Standards

ACA 3-JTS-2C-12

ACA 3-JCRF-3A-10

ACA 3-JCRF-3A-11

DCS Practice Model Standard – 8-306